

Springfield Park District
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

John F. Linxwiler Administrative Office / Bunn Park
2500 South 11th Street / Springfield, IL
Wednesday, November 12, 2025
5:32 p.m.

MINUTES

Roll Call:

President Sgro called the meeting to order.

Members Participating in Person: President Sgro, Trustees Aiello, Eck, Rodgers, and Theilen.

Members Available by Phone: None

Members Unavailable: Trustees Farmer and Hoogland

Others Participating in Person: Derek Harms, Executive Director, Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT; Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, Patrick Murphy, Springfield Park District Police Chief; staff, and public.

Public Comment: None

Building and Concessions

(Chair Rodgers)

1. **Ascendant Proposal**

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning; introduced Stewart Shunk, from Ascendent Facility Partners LLC to the Board to present the Ascendant Proposal.

Stewart Shunk, from Ascendant Facility Partners LLC, presented the Ascendant Proposal to the Board and discussed various key points of the proposal.

Committee of Whole

1. **Comprehensive Master Plan**

Derek Harms, Executive Director; introduced Todd Stanton, Consultant, to the Board to present the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Todd Stanton, Consultant, presented the Comprehensive Master Plan to the Board and discussed various points of the report.

2. **Board Policies**

Derek Harms, Executive Director, presented to the Board comprehensive Board Governance Policies, and discussed various points about these policies.

Finance and Human Resources

(Chair Theilen)

1. Annual Tax Levy Estimate

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT; presented the Annual Tax Levy Estimate to the Board and discussed various points of the estimate.

Recreation

(Chair Farmer)

1. Golf Rate Adjustments

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, presented to the Board information about Golf Rate Adjustments and discussed the different rates that Golf Rate Adjustments would applied to.

Staff Updates

1. Parks and Planning

Jason Graham, Director of Parks and Planning, provided updates on the status of ongoing projects, projects that are nearing completion, and outlined upcoming projects.

2. Police Department

Patrick Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Park District Police Chief, provided the Board with an update on the previous month's police reports and shared new developments within the Police Department.

3. Finance & Administration

Doug Bates, Director of Finance & IT, briefly discussed the FY2026 Budget; and shared updates within the Finance Department.

4. Recreation and Marketing

Nathan Essex, Director of Recreation and Marketing, updated the Board about recreation activities from the previous month and provided details about upcoming recreational events.

5. Human Resources and Risk Management

Cindy Knust-Higgins, Director of Human Resources and Risk Management, presented information to the Board and discussed insurance renewals for the upcoming year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, it was moved by Trustee Theilen and seconded by Trustee Aiello that the meeting adjourn at 6:30 p.m.